



TARRANT COUNTY TXGENWEB

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Civil War Veterans of Northeast Tarrant County

William McNutt

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William McNutt was a Confederate veteran who arrived in Tarrant County just before the War and who served in a local Texas cavalry company. He spent much of his life in the Keller-Mount Gilead area.

William McNutt was born September 15, 1838 in Alabama. By his own statement, McNutt arrived in Tarrant County about 1860. He served the Confederacy in Co. K, 7th Texas Cavalry, as did many other Tarrant County men.

His official records in the National Archives, which are quite sparse, show that he enlisted at Mansfield in Tarrant County on January 9, 1862 under Thomas O. Moody. He was mustered into the Confederate service at Camp Pickett near San Antonio on January 23. He presented himself for service on a horse worth one hundred fifty dollars and equipment worth fifteen dollars. He appears on a register of patients at the General Hospital in Houston, Texas, being treated for pneumonia. He was admitted there on February 5, 1863, and was furloughed from there on May 5, 1863. There is no record of him being present in the regiment after November 1863.

William McNutt appears in the 1870 census of Tarrant County with his wife, Linda, and a nine-year-old girl named Mary Holms, a native of Texas. Linda McNutt was born about 1841 in Ohio. Judging from the names of his neighbors, he many have been living in the same place as when he applied for a pension in 1907. In his pension application, he mentions that his wife died in 1874 leaving himself and two other heirs, neither of whom he named.

William McNutt's home appears on Sam Street's 1895 map of Tarrant County. It is located on the B. J. Foster survey between Keller and Grapevine. In modern-day terms, it sat in Southlake, north of Southlake Boulevard, a short distance northeast of the intersection of Florence Road and Randol

Mill Road, probably along Gifford Court about halfway between Randol Mill Road and Enterprise Place.

McNutt applied for a pension in 1907. At the time, his address was Route 1, Roanoke, in Tarrant County. He admitted that he owned eighty acres of land, but said only half of it was in cultivation. He said it was poor, sandy, unproductive, eroded, rocky, and partially covered with timber. It would produce about sixty dollars per year. He said he had not lived on the place for the past two years. One of his nearest neighbors, Robert K. Grimes, also signed an affidavit that Mr. McNutt's land was very unsuitable. Ultimately his pension application was rejected because he could not prove himself to be indigent.

His file also contains an affidavit by Dr. E. T. Read of Keller, who said he had been Mr. McNutt's doctor for about eight years, and had known him for twenty-one years. A comrade of McNutt's in Co. K of the 7th Texas Cavalry, George B. Holland, also made a written statement in support of his service.